

AGENDA

**Meeting of the
EIA and Improvement Mechanisms Subcommittee
Monday, December 10, 2007 at 10:00 a.m.
Clarion Townhouse Downtown
Salon B of the Palmetto Ballroom
Gervais Street, Columbia**

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| I. | Welcome and Introductions | Mr. Bob Daniel |
| II. | Approval of the December 4, Meeting Minutes | Mr. Bob Daniel |
| III. | Proposal by South Carolina Department of Education
to Amend Technical Assistance Proviso | Mrs. Melanie Barton |

Adjournment

Subcommittee Members:

Mr. Bob Daniel, Chair
Mr. Mike Brenan
Rep. Bill Cotty
Mr. Dennis Drew
Mrs. Barbara Hairfield
Mr. Neil Robinson
Sen. Kent Williams

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Minutes
EIA and Improvement Mechanisms Subcommittee
Teleconference Meeting
Tuesday, December 4, 2007
9:00 a.m.
Room 201 the Blatt Building

Members Present Via Teleconference: Mr. Bob Daniel (Chair); Mr. Mike Brennan; Mr. Dennis Drew; Mrs. Barbara Hairfield; Mr. Neil Robinson; and Senator Kent Williams

Other EOC Members Present Via Teleconference: Mr. Harold Stowe

EOC Staff Present Via Teleconference: Dr. Jo Anne Anderson;

EOC Staff Present in Room 201: Mrs. Melanie Barton; Dr. Paul Horne; Mr. David Potter; and Mrs. Dana Yow

Welcome and Introductions

Mr. Daniel called the meeting to order. Individuals attending the meeting in Room 201 introduced themselves.

Approval of the Minutes of November 19, 2007 Meeting

The minutes were approved as distributed.

FY2008-09 EIA and EAA Budgets and Related Provisos

The subcommittee considered staff changes to provisos as requested by the subcommittee at its November 19 meeting regarding SASI, students with special needs and disabilities and reading proficiency. Mrs. Hairfield recommended adding language to the proviso regarding reading proficiency to stipulate the four content areas throughout the proviso. Sandy Smith and Nancy Busbee from the South Carolina Department of Education presented to the subcommittee a proposal for amending the technical assistance program proviso. Subcommittee members expressed concern that the schools and districts receiving technical assistance funds are not expending the funds on initiatives that build local capacity or directly improve classroom instruction and student academic achievement. The subcommittee recommended that in addition to the superintendent and principal attending at least one workshop the chair of the local school board should attend in order to gain the buy-in of the local school board of trustees. The subcommittee asked that professional development activities in the school renewal plans be related to the core subject areas. The subcommittee also asked that language expressly prohibiting the supplanting of state or local funds with technical assistance funds not be deleted. Finally, the subcommittee recommended that the proviso be amended to have prohibit any school receiving technical assistance funds be prohibited from expending all funds on reduced class size initiatives.

A motion was made and seconded to adopt the budget recommendations for the EIA and EAA and provisos as amended excluding the proposals for technical assistance and National Board. The motion passed.

The subcommittee then considered options for amending the program that rewards teachers receiving National Board certification. After debate, a motion was made and seconded that the EOC continue studying the issue and make recommendations in the fall of 2008. The subcommittee discussed gathering data with assistance from the Center for Educator Recruitment Retention and Advancement

(CERRA) to determine the impact of National Board teachers on student academic achievement. The motion passed.

A motion was made and seconded that the South Carolina Department of Education submit an amended technical assistance proviso based on the concerns of the subcommittee. The motion passed.

Adjournment

The subcommittee adjourned and agreed to meet on Monday, December 10, 2007 at 10:00 a.m. at the Clarion Hotel to consider additional amendments by the South Carolina Department of Education to the technical assistance proviso.